



Briefly Told

The death sentence on American soldiers was executed in 35 cases, 10 in France, 25 in the United States. A clemency board recently appointed has reviewed 4,000 court-martial cases and has remitted 76 per cent of all punishments prescribed by military officers.

German newspapers and magazines again adorn the kiosks of Paris.

Wages do not produce efficiency. New York paid laborers \$1 an hour for snow removal, and the job was never worse done.

The usual Easter Sunday fight occurred in Jerusalem near the traditional site of the Lord's Tomb.

Marconi now denies that he ever said that the mysterious sounds reported by the wireless came from Mars. He did not think of Mars in that connection at all, but the sun. However, an interviewer asked him if he would rule Mars out altogether, to which Marconi replied that he would not, nor Venus either. Thus the world was again set talking about talking to Mars.

All the efforts made to prolong life have been effective only for the period before the 50th year. More people are enabled to reach 50 than ever before. But not much has been done to insure or increase longevity beyond that.

Neither of the Rockefellers, Senior nor Junior, has anything to do with variations in the price of gasoline, says John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Think of it! The Canadian provinces are to have for the first time in history their own divorce courts, if a bill before the Dominion Parliament is passed.

With enough British soldiers in Dublin to control a province, and armored cars and tanks everywhere, three masked men stole the official mail in broad daylight.

Disabled soldiers are being employed in housework in various parts of England.

Because a Jew was appointed as their professor, students at the Technical College, Karlsruhe, went on strike.

Clemenceau is on a diet "because," as he says, "I have fourteen infirmities, just the same number as Clemenceau has of points. An infirmity per point."

An outdoor traffic court was held on a down town street corner in San Francisco during the recent "Safety First" drive. The judge stood on the curb and offenders were brought to him for trial and sentenced. Jaywalkers formed the majority of the defendants.

Palestine's affairs have begun to share the general uncertainty. Passports into the land are being held up and mail service diminished.

A hotel workers' college has been opened in Chicago to train aspiring bell boys, chamber maids, elevator operators, waiters, cooks and clerks in the intricacies of their profession.

Airships that will fly, float and submerge are indicated for the near future, says Sir Fortesque Flannery, British marine engineer and ship surveyor.

The title of "Wandering Jew" was once claimed in the year 1644 by Michob Ader, who claimed that he was then 1600 years old.

The Indian art of getting sugar from the fir tree—not sap sugar, but granulated formations on the branches—has been recovered by white scientific men.

Winged bicycles are reported to be appearing in France—airplanes propelled by the pedal-work of the rider.

Buenos Ayres has completed a statue of Christopher Columbus on which ten years of labor has been spent.

Only about 10 per cent of the 700,000 inhabitants of Palestine are Jews.

The effect of modern house construction on the birth rate is said to be a problem by the tenement house commissioner of New York.

Mrs. Margaretha Apman wrote a will some years ago in which she provided that a "beer treat" be given the mourners at her funeral. Mrs. Apman's death, however, occurred in prohibition times.

Georgia's weekly newspapers have asked the city dealers to release two per cent of their print paper for country weeklies' use.

Horses in the United States increased from 19,833,000 in 1910 to 21,109,000 in 1919, according to estimates of the Department of Agriculture.

"Rulers today, refugees tomorrow," is a saying of the common people of Europe.

Surgeon-General Cummings, chief medical officer of the United States Government, attributes part of the 47 per cent increase of cigaret consumption to women.

Cardinal Gibbons makes a sharp distinction between Sunday recreation and Sunday amusements promoted for gain. He strongly opposes a bill before the Maryland legislature which would legalize Sunday movies.

Cascara bark is a failing product in the West. It requires 20 years to mature a tree for bark production.

Near Woods Hole, Mass., where the President will go for the summer, is the Nobska Point foghorn. Residents say the President will imagine he has brought Congress with him.

The Chinese now claim to have organized the term "Yan Kee." The Chinese phrase "Yang jung" was corrupted to "Yang Gee," which in turn became "Yan Kee," meaning, "you are a young foreigner." At least, so says Teh Yi Hsieh, an oriental labor leader now in this country.

The cardinals have submitted to the Pope a respectful request that, owing to the increased cost of living, their annual allowances be increased.

A Shakespeare chair has been established in the ancient University of Madrid for the study of English literature. King Alfonso was an enthusiastic supporter of the innovation.

Land values in the Argentine Republic are very low. A plot in the heart of Buenos Ayres' business district brought only \$83.61 a square foot.

The linoleum industry, formerly controlled abroad, was firmly established in Chicago, Newark, Trenton and other American cities during the war.

The hilly nature of many South American republics is serving to stimulate airplane transportation. The Latin temperament is peculiarly favorable to aviation.

Cheap soft coal—"slack"—is retailing at \$32 (gold) a ton at Hong Kong.

Ice is not used for general domestic purposes in Europe as it is in America.

"All the nations which fought believed in the justice of their cause, and fought as a rule with a courage which belied the alleged degeneracy of the human race. None of the Powers, save Russia, fell short of their previous fame," says Prof. A. F. Pollard, one of the British historians of the war.

Italy consumed 17,968,082 pounds of tobacco during the last three months of 1919. The United States sells Italy about 100,000,000 pounds of tobacco a year. The business is a monopoly of the Italian Government.

This year four holidays fall on Monday—Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.

A social expert says that there would be no trouble about securing domestic servants if the master and mistress were superior to the servants. But, he says, as a rule, they are not.

The Hog Island shipyard has been purchased by the government at what the corporation paid for it.

President of the American Woolen Company says the company paid taxes twice as much as profits and five times as much as dividends, and two-thirds of total wages paid.

Shift from a 7-day week to a 6-day week is announced by the Standard Oil Company, of Indiana.

Lord Leverhulme says that if England would go dry she could pay her debt to the United States in five years.

An annual salary increase of \$100,000 was offered musicians of the Boston Symphony, and was rejected as insufficient.

Whenever Canada wants to do business with Washington she must do so through the Colonial Office at London. It is proposed to maintain a semi-diplomatic representative of Ottawa at Washington, to expedite international business.

"Don't buy a Tribune—borrow one!" is the front page caption of the Chicago daily. It is part of a campaign to save print paper. The theory is that a paper can serve as many readers with fewer copies, after the old-time method when the same copy of a newspaper was handed about from house to house.

This is a great country! Turning from newspaper accounts of our April snow blizzards, one picks up a California paper and reads about boys being arrested for stripping rose gardens.

The rent question is as general throughout the country and as dangerous as any problem we have. Surveys have shown that 300 per cent increases are very common.

Fiume's difficulty promises to settle itself. A general strike has been declared and the city is without water and light.

In an ordinary year—not leap year—Memorial Day and Independence Day always fall on the same day of the week as that on which the preceding Christmas fell.

Woman suffrage in America is said to have originated with the Long Meadows, Mass., Maternal Association, the 87-year-old records of which have been preserved.

Toronto butchers have asked that tea be served to them at 9 a. m., and that they be allowed 10 minutes at the beginning and end of the workday to change their clothes.

The over-sea phone will soon be a reality. Washington will be able to call up any European capital.

The historic Barnegat light is to be torn down—too costly maintaining it.

Lloyd George has been asked to investigate "the newspaper trusts of Great Britain."

Artificial noses made of celluloid are being worn in Japan for protection against the influenza which still prevails there.

The victims of a New York "get-rich-quick" man are to be asked to meet in a hall and listen to his explanations. If they are satisfied to allow him to continue in a new business to make money to pay them back, the authorities have agreed not to prosecute him. If not, he will be jailed and prosecuted.

"Gross impertinence" sums up British opinion of the American Congress' resolution regarding Ireland.

"Medical history is a history of mistakes," says Charles Edward Russell.

Dr. Russell H. Conwell, of Philadelphia, has been delivering his lecture "Acres of Diamonds" for 50 years, and still has more engagements than he can fill.

"To have the first word is often more valuable than to have the last one."—New York Times.

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